

Jim Gainey is remembered by his friends and family as "A devoted husband, loving father, and perfect Papa. He will be remembered for his faithfulness to the Lord, his impassioned love for people, his selfless generosity, and fierce commitment to his family."

Jim is survived by his wife, Lynette Davis Gainey, two daughters and their husbands, Laura and Byron Young of Beaumont, and Susan and Mike Ferguson of Austin, grandchildren Mark Young and wife Katie, Emily Valerio and husband Isaac, William Young, Leah Goertz and husband Ryne, Nathan Watts, and Benjamin Watts, great grandchildren James, Claire, Ellis, Abraham, and Charlotte. He is also survived by two brothers, Hugh Gainey and his wife Elaine Rogers, A.R. and Paul Gainey of Houston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Wiley Gainey and Evelyn Gerrard Gainey, and his sister, Allison Gainey Stephens.

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor my friend, Jim Gainey, for his service to our country and for his many years of faithful service to our community. My thoughts and heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

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HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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**HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 3, 2021*

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in August. Headquartered in my home district in LaGrange, Georgia, the association has solidified itself as the premier resource for growers in an area that is essential to Georgia's economy and prosperity.

By providing services such as education programs to maximize production, marketing opportunities to increase profits, and disaster management tools to handle natural disasters and other crises affecting the industry, the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is without question a cornerstone of agriculture and a boon to specialty crop growers across the state.

Throughout the pandemic, the association has instituted a multitude of innovative solutions aimed toward helping its members and Georgia's specialty crop growers. They have also worked diligently with national organizations and congressional offices to secure relief aid through the Coronavirus Food and Assistance Program for those in need.

As the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association rounds out 25 years, I look forward to a bright future of continued strength and advocacy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this association's great accomplishments.

HONORING SAMANTHA ROSANNE MACON'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 3, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Samantha Rosanne Macon of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on the occasion of her 50th birthday. Her continued service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Macon was born in Dearborn, Michigan, to Rose Tripepi and Joseph Czapiewski. A graduate of Annapolis High School, she later attended Henry Ford College and Eastern Michigan University, graduating with honors. Mrs. Macon holds a master's degree in education and teaches at Simpson Middle School in Flat Rock, Michigan. In 2006, she married Dino Macon and together they have two dogs and a cat.

When she is not in the classroom with her middle schoolers, Mrs. Macon continues to teach and serve her community. She can be found at the Eton Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, teaching seniors how to decorate cupcakes. She is also an active member of her church and volunteers there often.

Mrs. Macon is known by friends and family as someone with a kind and generous heart, who is always there to help those in need. In her downtime, she enjoys hosting gatherings for friends and family, visiting the beach, baking, and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Samantha Rosanne Macon on her 50th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our community.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF KEVIN VAN BUSKIRK

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 3, 2021*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, Kevin Van Buskirk, and congratulate him on his retirement from the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104.

Kevin was born in Pleasant Hill, California, to Joel and Deanna Van Buskirk. After graduating in 1979, he became a Teamster and worked as a tire man in San Leandro. After his apprenticeship with Marelich Mechanical at the Chevron Campus, he became an official sheet metal worker. While working as a journeyman, foreman, and general foreman, Kevin actively organized with Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104 by attending meetings, events, union pickets, and protests.

In November of 1995, Kevin was appointed as the union's first full-time organizer. As an example of the important work he has done, his efforts to hold a particular non-union company accountable led to the involvement of the

Santa Clara County District Attorney and the revelation of ongoing wage theft. In 2000, Kevin was elected Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104. He also served as a delegate to the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, as well as a delegate to the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. In 2007, Kevin became President of the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Vice President of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

In these capacities, he has negotiated numerous project labor agreements and has assisted many young men and women, as well as our returning veterans, into the trades.

Kevin firmly believes that becoming a unionized tradesman has resulted in the success of his career and the ability to provide for his family.

I wish Kevin well in his retirement and thank him for his enduring commitment to the rights of all workers. Please join me in honoring Kevin Van Buskirk for his many contributions to our community.

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HONORING ROBERT AND DIANE FINDLAY AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 3, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Diane and Robert Findlay as Iowans of the Week.

Every day, people of all ages and backgrounds read books for different reasons. Some read books to spark their imagination, and others read books for more insight on fascinating topics. For Diane and Robert Findlay, books are so much more than that. The Findlays started a book club in their community of Dallas Center, Iowa called Read & Serve. This group is not your average get-together to discuss the week's literature. The Read & Serve book club is made up of members of different faiths, like Baha'is, Christians, and free thinkers alike. While their faiths vary, they all share a common passion: community. Diane and Robert belong to the Baha'i faith, and they constantly look for opportunities to get involved in their local community, specifically through prayer, learning, and serving with neighbors and friends.

While the Read & Serve book club enjoys discussing their current readings, they also enjoy participating in service projects to further cultivate their collective sense of community. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Findlay's book club still wanted to find a project to get involved with that allowed them to give back, albeit in a safe manner. They heard of a project happening in New York where people were donating their used books to local and county jails for the incarcerated individuals to delve into. The Read & Serve book club connected with the Dallas County Sheriff and Dallas County Jail to see what they could do to get new books into the facility.

The Findlay's book club, with the help of the county jail, created a survey listing a multitude of genres to gauge the interest of the inmates. The survey showed they were interested in almost every genre imaginable. From westerns